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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask, Sir, when the proposed conference of the representatives of the Madras and Mysore Governments will take place?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I cannot say exactly. We have written to the Mysore Government on the subject."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask why no answer has been received from the Mysore Government to the enquiry from this Government since the 3rd November 1931?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The matter has been under correspondence with the Mysore Government. We hope to have a conference in the matter. Till that conference is held, we are not in a position to take any further steps."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the Palar Irrigation Committee submitted only a preliminary report and wanted further facts to be placed before them to come to final conclusions?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I believe so, Sir."

Provision of irrigational facilities to the Salem district from the Mettur Reservoir.

* 59 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received by the Government about the feasibility of providing irrigational facilities to some parts of the Salem district from the Mettur Reservoir by means of pumping;

(*b*) whether the Government have considered such a scheme before; and, if so, with what result; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to investigate into the feasibility or otherwise of such a scheme if they have not done it before; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will be consulted as to whether it is worth while ordering an investigation of the feasibility of the scheme suggested.

Progress of the high level channel scheme.

* 60 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the high level channel work is at present and whether the land acquisitions are over; and, if not, when they will be completed; and

(*b*) what the total extent provided in the present estimate for the high level channel scheme to be irrigated upon is?

A.—(*a*) About 19 miles of the high level channel have been excavated to the end of June 1933. The land acquisition is likely to be completed by the end of April 1934.

(*b*) 20,552 acres.

Land Revenue Administration

Pattas to houses in the Chintadripet division.

* 61 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the practice of issuing pattas by the Collector to houses in the Chintadripet division of the Madras City has been discontinued and, if so, why;

(*b*) to whom such powers have been transferred;

(*c*) whether any protests or representations have been made against the new procedure;

(*d*) whether the Government are satisfied that the authority to whom such power has been transferred has made necessary arrangements for properly keeping records, copies, etc.; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the new authority is charging more fees than the Government used to do?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

The Government have received no protests or representations relating to the procedure followed.

Local Self-Government

Dissolution of the Panchayat Board, Komarapalaiyam, Salem district.

* 62 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what grounds the Panchayat Board at Komarapalaiyam in Salem district was dissolved recently;

(*b*) on whose report such an action was taken;

(*c*) whether it is on the report of the President, Salem District Board;

(*d*) whether the Government were aware that the latter was interested in one of the parties there;

(*e*) whether the sitting president and some member of the panchayat put in their representations and, if so, whether their representations have been considered;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the finances of the panchayat were well regulated during the regime of the sitting President Mr. J. K. Kandaswami Chettiyar;

(*g*) what the panchayat board, the tâluk board and the district board said in the matter of dissolution of the said panchayat and whether copies of their resolutions will be placed on the table;